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**Five hundred and sixty-fourth Meeting.**

March 13, 1866.—ADJOURNED STATUTE MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters relative to the exchanges.

The President called the attention of the Academy to the recent decease of Mr. Jonathan P. Hall of Boston, of the Resident Fellows.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was *voted*, That the additional sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for paper and printing, to be expended by the Publication Committee during the current year.

A committee was appointed, in accordance with the vote of the previous meeting, to consider and report upon the subject of expert testimony in courts of law; viz. Chief Justice Bigelow, Professor Washburn, Professor H. R. Storer, Dr. Tyler, Professor Rogers, Professor Horsford, and Professor J. Wyman.

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**Five hundred and sixty-fifth Meeting.**

April 10, 1866.—MONTHLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The President called the attention of the Academy to the recent decease of Dr. Jared Sparks, of the Resident Fellows, of Dr. Charles Beck, Vice-President of the Academy, and of Dr. Whewell, of the Foreign Honorary Members.

The Secretary read a letter from the Treasurer of the Boston Athenæum to the Treasurer of the Academy, informing the Academy of the termination, on the 1st of July next, of the lease of the Academy's Hall, and notifying the Academy that the Trustees of the Athenæum propose to take possession of the Hall, after that date, for the use of the Athenæum.

On the motion of Mr. Bowditch the subject of this communication was referred to the Finance Committee, with powers to